

Governing Board

April 18, 2012

Mark Wohl, Acting Chair on Behalf of Madeleine Romanello, Chair

Introductions

☀ Ms. Madeleine Romanello, Chair

☀ In attendance:

Elizabeth Karwowski, *Get Credit Healthy*

Ariel Orta, *Nautilus Middle School*

Cheryl Polite-Eaford, *Choices Et Al, Inc.*

Deborah Ruggiero, *Teen Job Corps*

Nelson Santiago, *UNIDAD of Miami Beach*

Cecilia De Loof, *Ayuda*

Nathan Gomez, *Switchboard of Miami*

Madeleine Romanello, *Chamber of Commerce*

Geiry Sterling, *Miami Beach Senior High School*

Marcela Abello, *Aspira of Florida*

Nashely Villegas, *UNIDAD of Miami Beach*

Silvia Reyes, *Barry University*

Talmage Thornhill, *City of Miami Beach*

Maria Ruiz, *City of Miami Beach*

Mark Wohl, *Member*

Jeannette Egozi, *Stand Up! For Those Who Can't*

Rose Hedgemond, *Avenues of Excellence*

Eliyahu Kutoff, *Mechina of South Florida*

Programmatic Update – Playing the Game of Life

- ☼ Ms. Jeannette Egozi, Executive Director
- ☼ Open slots at Happy Children for 3 year olds – we need 5 kids
- ☼ Please obtain additional information at www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com or by calling 305-798-KIDZ (5439)

Programmatic Update – Stand Up for Those Who Can't

- ☼ Ms. Jeannette Egozi, Executive Director
- ☼ Aetna Grant for Obesity Prevention with 3 year olds begins April 1st with starting programming on April 30th. It is a 10-week program featuring:
 - ☼ Visual Arts – teaching nutrition and healthy food choices
 - ☼ Dance
 - ☼ Weekly Newsletters
 - ☼ Family Involvement Activity
 - ☼ End of Cycle performance
- ☼ Program is provided at the following locations:
 - ☼ Happy Kids- Miami Beach
 - ☼ Alberto's Dream Child Care – North Miami
 - ☼ Happy Children of Overtown – Overtown
 - ☼ Fantasy Land – Westchester
- ☼ Please obtain additional information at www.PlayingTheGameOfLife.com or by calling 305-798-KIDZ (5439)

Informational Item

Programmatic Update – Teens Are Lifelong Learners

- ☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof
- ☼ **Actively engaged, we have 66 teens attending. Six of these youth have special needs.**
- ☼ **T.A.L.L. Program with its Positive Action Curriculum has served teens for approximately 240 hours.**
- ☼ **The Positive Action curriculum contains a total of 6 units: Self- Concept, Physical and Intellectual Positive Actions for a healthy Body and Mind, Social/Emotional Positive Actions for managing yourself responsibly, Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Getting Along with Others, and Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Being Honest with Yourself and Others, and Social/Emotional Positive Actions for Improving Yourself Continually.**
- ☼ **T.A.L.L. has covered the first 3 units from the Positive Action Curriculum.**
- ☼ **The impact in a number of children has been a way that they can manage positively difficult family situations and prevent negative social outcomes.**
- ☼ **T.A.L.L. had the second Family Bonding at Oleta River on Saturday, March 31st, 2012. During the “Art Activity” parents bonded with their children painting together. Many of their “pices of art” where nature inspired.**
- ☼ Referrals to dianasusi@ayudamiami.org

Informational Item

Programmatic Update – Parents Now

☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof

- ☼ **Parents Now:** A program consisting of home visits, individual and family counseling, psycho-educational groups, and community networking to empower and enrich at-risk families of children; infant to 10 years of age. Parents are taught about brain development, parenting skills, communication skills, reading to children, family meetings, conflict resolution, community services, and good nutrition, quality use of free time, and support and buddy systems among the families. Additionally, speaker workshops are prepared for their cultural enhancement. Referrals for this program are only accepted from the Department of Children and Families.
- ☼ **Parents Now Program is currently serving 9 families. Target areas currently being served: Miami, Hialeah, and Miami Lakes. Sessions are bilingual to better accommodate client needs.**
- ☼ **Article on Child Abuse Prevention was distributed to the clients this month.**
- ☼ **Next graduation scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2012.**
- ☼ **New intake completed on 4/11/12.**
- ☼ **New intake scheduled for 4/13/12 in Miami Gardens.**
- ☼ **Information at dianasusi@ayudamiami.org**

Informational Item

Programmatic Update – Family Empowerment

☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof

☼ **Family Empowerment:** A program designed to help juvenile first time offenders 12- 18 years old. We teach families, in a psycho-educational group setting, how to enhance their communication skills, positively resolve conflicts, learn anger management skills, and develop self-esteem enhancement skills, among others. We serve families in the Miami Beach, Hialeah and North Miami Beach areas. Referrals from this program are only accepted from the Juvenile Services Department.

☼ **Contracted number of clients to be served throughout the year: 44; Number clients accessing services: 36**

☼ **2 new referrals clients are scheduled for next week**

☼ **Target areas currently being served: Miami Beach and Hialeah**

☼ **Sessions are bilingual to better accommodate client's needs.**

☼ **School visits and drug test are conducted**

☼ **12 clients successfully graduated**

☼ Information at dianasusi@ayudamiami.org

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Programmatic Update – Here for You

- ☼ Ms. Cecilia De Loof
- ☼ **Here for You:** This Elderly Services Program provides social services to persons age 60 and over. The goals of the program are to assist elders in maintaining their independence in their community; to improve their nutritional status; to enhance the quality of their lives; to provide them with support and security and to provide their caregivers with assistance and relief so that they can continue to provide care.
- ☼ Contracted number of clients to be served throughout the year: 20; Number clients accessing service: 15
- ☼ 6 clients currently receiving homemaker service.
- ☼ Referrals at dianasusi@ayudamiami.org

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Programmatic Update – Morning All Stars

- ☼ Ms. Katie Klose, Program Coordinator
 - ☼ Referral Vacancies - Room for up to 50 more youth
 - ☼ Eligibility – 6th and 7th graders; program sites include: Nautilus Middle, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, Boys & Girls Club – Flamingo Park, and Teen Club (Recreation)
 - ☼ Beginning March 19, afternoon sessions will be offered to Nautilus students on Mondays and Wednesdays.
 - ☼ Summer programming is available. Program is free of charge.
 - ☼ Referral to katherineklose@miamibeachfl.gov

Informational Item

Programmatic Update – Parent-Child Home Program

- ☼ Ms. Cristina Denis, Program Coordinator
 - ☼ Current Enrollment – Program is now closed for enrollment
 - ☼ Fall Enrollment – Applications now being accepted
- ☼ City of Miami Beach Parent-Child Home Program contract is scheduled to go to Committee on April 19th 3pm-4:30pm for renewal.
- ☼ If it is approved by the Committee the contract is then scheduled to go the Board for approval on May 14, 2012 4pm-6pm.
- ☼ Information contact: cristinadenis@miamibeachfl.gov

Informational Item

Programmatic Update – Success University

- ☼ Ms. Talmage Thornhill, Program Coordinator
 - ☼ Current Enrollment – 81 youth and their families
 - ☼ Referral Vacancies – Ample room for new referrals
 - ☼ Eligibility – 11 or more absences and attending school in Miami Beach
 - ☼ Referral to talmagethornhill@miamibeachfl.gov

(1) Rachel Spector, Contract Manager for The Children’s Trust, advised that the new RFP will shift truancy services to younger aged youth. She encouraged the Partnership to expand inclusion of elementary schools for the new year in anticipation. (2) A methodology by which to extend additional contacts for eligible youth should be proffered for future years.

Read to Learn

⊗ Mr. Jeremy Glaser, Program Manager

⊗ An initiative of The Children's Trust

⊗ For information, jeremyglaser@thechildrenstrust.org

Service Day 2012

☼ Mr. Mark Wohl, Member

☼ “If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his language, that goes to his heart.”

Nelson Mandela

☼ Where do we begin to craft a Miami Beach Service Agency Day, a first annual event, that would be a showcase of available providers and be interactive for community involvement?

☼ For information, **mwohl@thecharregroup.com**

Jennifer Beth Turken Heart Award

- ☼ Ms. Dana Turken, Founder
 - ☼ Award was founded in memory of Ms. Turken's daughter
 - ☼ Recognizes youth who are kind and selfless
 - ☼ Goal is to expand to all schools via formation of 501(c)3 organization
 - ☼ Committee invited to attend award ceremony on May 30th at 9am at North Beach Elementary Auditorium
 - ☼ For information, simonturken@gmail.com

Good & Welfare

- ⊗ Discovering Inclusion Birth to Age 5 Training presented by CCDH and hosted by the City of Miami Beach on Wednesday, June 6th at 10am in the First Floor Conference Room.
- ⊗ **CEO Series:** *The Service Spectrum*, Friday, May 18th at 9am. Meeting is open to CEOs and members of the executive management team.
- ⊗ Hispanic immigrants in the US 5 years or less with a child aged 14 -22 are being sought for a University of Central Florida research study. Participants are compensated for participation. Contact mariaruiz@miamibeachfl.gov
- ⊗ Barry University is offering a free bullying and resiliency training at its campus on April 23rd, 6pm – 8pm